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Alaska Presbytery: Bertram Rutan left Skagway and moved to Palmer in Yukon Presbytery. Richard L. Turner moved from a U.S. Church in southern Texas to Skagway. Dick was active in our work when he was in the armed services in Fairbanks. Charles Heier of Blossburg, Pennsylvania, has been cleared for appointment to Kake as soon as he can move. The suggestion has been made to Andrew Gamble that he get a job at Mt. Edgecumbe and move to Sitka where he could work with Bill Gavin getting some experience in the program of the church. Sitka church hopes to occupy their first unit of the new building this fall and assurance has been given for further help to complete the sanctuary. Appropriations have been made by the Board toward a manse and the relocation of the church in Ketchikan and a basic amount for the replacement of the Princeton-Hall. The marine architect has been authorized to proceed with plans, and the additional giving of the churches in the Presbytery will be needed over the winter.

Yukon Presbytery: The John Seiberts have reported the arrival of Karl Allen on May 28th. Samuel Simmonds' wife is home from the hospital. After a year of excellent work as interns, William Zeiger of Barrow and Art French of Wasilla and Palmer have returned to their seminaries to complete their work. After 3 years of good service in the Anchorage area Winthrop Ware has resigned to return to school in preparation for medical service. Negotiations are in progress for a replacement at Hillcrest. The Rutans have moved from Skagway to Palmer. Victor Urban has been appointed to Wasilla, the surrounding roads and the southern end of the Railroad. Elmer Parker has returned to Fairbanks as transportation officer of the school and missionary among the Eskimos in connection with the First Church. The Board has made appropriations toward a manse and an addition to Hillcrest Church and a manse for Wasilla. An addition has been started on Tok Chapel. The new church at Gambell is under roof. The new manse at Woodland Park has been enclosed. The new Arctic Messenger III was dedicated on July 4th. Mrs. John Stokes has been elected clerk of the Presbytery.

Furloughs: During the summer the Hartmans, Elmer Parker, the Rutans, and the Snellings were in the States on furlough. Three of them were in special summer school courses. This is the largest number on furlough in many years and points to an increasing continuity in our work.

Summer Students: From the seminaries we had Don Bachtell at Fairbanks, George Forner on the S.J.S.II, Roy and Loris Shearer at Kake, and Dick and Muriel Chiolis at Haines. We are grateful to them for their service and to their home churches for their

transportation. There were three "work camps"--groups from the States at Barrow and Sitka and a group from Alaska at Tok. Mrs. Swanson reported a fine group of young people from the States for the Vacation Bible school program.

Summer Visitors: Many summer visitors have been reported. There were two "official" groups--our Seminar of 26 who went all the way to Barrow and St. Lawrence Island, and the group on the Chilcotin who were guided by Dr. Armstrong. Another hundred people have a good understanding of our work. We want to thank everyone who helped to entertain them.

Moderator Profitt is not coming to Alaska in the spring. He is going to India. A search is being made for other leadership for spring or summer which will be helpful.

Annual Reports: The annual report of the Department has been requested this year by November 1st. That may be too early for you to send your annual descriptions and evaluations of the changes and developments in your respective fields. Please get them to us by December 10th, which means writing them during the first week of December.

Orders from Alaska: Some are ordering materials direct from publishers on your letterheads which have the office address on them and packages and bills are being sent to us which have to be reshipped. When ordering direct tell them specifically to send packages and bills to you.

Accounting on Funds: The Treasury Department requires a receipted bill for any item of $5 or more. Please follow this on monthly expense grants. On accounting for special funds such as repair and building advances, the accounting form with receipted bills for every item is required. The report is not acceptable unless there are receipted bills covering every penny.

Alaska is on the prayer calendar for December. It is a good way to end the year. As this is written, the Evangelistic Mission is just ahead of us. Evangelistic preaching, prayer, and personal work are a great combination. With deep dedication, earnest prayer, and persistent service on our part, who knows what God can and will do among our people and in our work? Let us expect great things to happen this fall.

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We at the office have appreciated all of the greetings and good wishes which came from Alaska over the Christmas Season. This occasion gives us an opportunity to express a personal interest in each other beyond the correspondence in our regular work.

Alaska Presbytery: Charles Heier was received into the Presbytery in a special meeting in Juneau and located in Kake. They were just getting well settled when their manse burned and everything was lost. They have temporary housing until the manse can be replaced. The church was damaged slightly. The Van Nest's report the addition of a son, and the Rosson's a daughter. Paul Evans has gone from Wrangell to Hillcrest Church in Anchorage, and the Wrangell Church has invited Donald Schwab to be their missionary-pastor. Don also has taken over the duties of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. Mrs. George Betts underwent surgery at Mt. Edgecumbe and has not made a complete recovery. Mrs. Richard Stussi had an eye operation in Juneau and the family are moving there temporarily until medical treatment has been completed. Dick will work on the Princeton-Hall. Specifications are out and first bids are in for the new boat. The figures are high and more funds are needed before we can let a contract. The office will welcome suggestions for a name for the new boat. Klawock is using the sanctuary of the new church, and Sitka held its first services at Christmas in the Christian Education wing of the new building.

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Guest for Spring Presbyteries: Dr. Harry Rine DeYoung of the Redford Avenue Church in Detroit is being sent by the Division of Evangelism to lead conferences on Preaching for a Verdict in both Presbyteries. I shall be with him and we plan to go to Barrow between the two meetings.

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Property Matters: Glen V. Carson has been added to the Staff of the Board to supervise construction and keep all records of Board-owned properties. Requests for repairs and buildings for churches in Alaska will continue to come to our office. After appropriations have been made, allplans, directions, advances, and accounting will be channeled through Mr. Carson's office. Meanwhile, our office

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Place of Wives on the Field? From several sources lately this question has arisen: Wives are not employed by the Board but they are part of the work! We consider the wife's responsibility is to her family and her home and share as she can in the work of the mission or church. A Christian family atmosphere in a well kept home can be an inspiration and constructive influence in the entire community. Failure in this will undermine the total influence of the ministry, even among people who do not attend the church. We strongly disapprove of wives taking full-time jobs such as teaching and office work! To substitute a day now and then or help some one out may make a good contact, but regular outside duties for wife or husband, particularly where there are children in the home, can only mean the work of the church does not get done. Our main business is the ministry of Christ through the Church, and we ask husband and wife to give themselves to it entirely through a Christian home and the Church. Read the tenth chapter of Matthew again.

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The October Evangelistic Mission: Invitations are going out to ministers and their sessions for participation in the third Evangelistic Mission. Paul Moser has sent a complete list of reports and requests from Alaska Presbytery but no word has been received from more than half of the churches in Yukon. These arrangements take much time over the summer. A speed-up now should give an earlier assignment in September.

The summer program is usually full and demanding. Often our greatest opportunity to touch and claim lives for Christ comes during this busy season. Let us be conscious of this reason for activity and sow the seed, cultivate the "soil" and/or reap the harvest of people for Christ. May God grant His Spirit to each of you to be sufficient for your needs.

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Alaska News Letter

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Dear Coworker:: Ins. Office re: publicity on Workmen's Compensation for Ins. Co.
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We in the office want to express our thanks for all the greetings and remembrances at Christmastime. These make us conscious of each other as individuals and families who are a part of the total work of the Church. We extend our best wishes to each of you for the year ahead. After a long period with temporary help or without a third girl in the office, we now have Mrs. Elsie Woods at the correspondence desk. When you see "E.W." at the lower left-corner on letters you will know who she is.

Alaska Presbytery: Genevieve Soboleff and Richard Nelson have both had surgery recently. Genevieve is on her feet again and reports that she is feeling better. I have just seen Dick Nelson in the Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. with his head covered with bandages. The surgeon removed a smalltumor and Dick is making a rapid recovery. Ken Smith was called back to Pittsburgh because of the death of his Mother. We extend to Ken and Betty our sincere sympathy. George Betts has retired from active service but continues in Angoon under a part-time arrangement. Roy Brown has been employed temporarily as the Navigator on the Princeton-Hall.

Yukon Presbytery: Bill and Bonnie Wartes report the arrival of another son, Eldon Lloyd, on December 3rd. In October, Marion Horton was set apart as a lay-preacher and is serving part-time in First Church, Fairbanks with the Eskimos. Bert and Mabel Bingle leave Alaska the end of January for four months' furlough in the States. During the summer, Bert willwork with Harding Lake Camp, and during the fall serve the Big Delta field while Neil and Kerry are out on furlough. The Rev. Joseph E. Heckel of Irwin, Penna. will take over the work on the Railroad. Joe and family (wife and four children) will fly north on PAA Thursday, February 13th with stops at Annette and Juneau. Many of you knew Army Chaplain, Col. Paul Maurer. Paul retired in April 1957. He is now being considered as Protestant Chaplain on the DEW Line. If everything is in order he will be employed soon by the Federal Electric Company for that ministry. He is a Congregationalist and will cooperate with our work.

Property Matters: Ketchikan has chosen an architect and will begin plans for the new unit. Heier's are living in the new manse at Kake. Urban's have moved into the new unfinished manse at Wasilla. The Hillcrest Church is using the new addition but with very limited furnishings. The Executive Officers have approved the purchase of the American Legion Building in Fairbanks and our attorney is in process of completing the purchase in the name of the Board. The Presbyterian Hospitality House will have use of the entire building under a working agreement between the First Church and the Board.

The New Ship is nearing completion in Jacksonville, Florida. I saw it on January 9th and am very much pleased with it thus far. It should be practically completed by the middle of February. There will be a trial run to St. Augustine, the christening at Jacksonville, astop at Miami for the dedication of the tender boats which are being given by our churchesin Miami, a stop in Cuba for fuel, the journey around the east-end of Cuba through the Panama Canal and up the West Coast. Requests have come for stopovers on the West Coast, especially in Seattle. We would like to have it in Petersburg by April 15th in time for Presbytery, but that is doubtful. We hope the crew will be Dick and Deen Nelson plus two competent people from Alaska who are willing to volunteer their services from March 1st to the middle or latter part of April for expense to Florida and return on the ship. There have been many suggestions for a name, but no final decision yet. This must be done soon to register it before leaving Florida.

Reports and Forms: Many of the annual narratives were excellent; some were ordinary; some "not yet". Those "not yet" are overdue and expected. The applications for Aid and the new listsof officers are due by the end of January. The repair estimates for the New Year are overdue. Most of them are in. More money is needed than is available. It is expected that the Board will make available more money in the February meeting. Therefore, recommendations for the year will be made to Cabinet the first of April for approval by the Board on April 24th. Only emergencies willbe approved now.

Pension Premiums: Where the local church is carrying a part or all of the pension premiums, we advise each one to check with the Treasurer of the Church to be sure the paymentshave been made for 1957.

Prompt Reporting of Accidents: All of our employed workers should know that the law of Alaska requiresthe employer to include them under Workmen's Compensation Insurance. This the Board has done through our Insurance Company. Every accident should be reported promptly (it is a violation of the Alaska law not to report it) to the Workmen's Compensation Board, P.O. Box 2041, Juneau, Alaska and to Robertson, Monagle, and Estabaugh of Juneau where Mr. R.E.Robertson is the attorney for our Insurance Company. It should be reported also to the Alaska office. This is important!

Spring Presbytery Meetings: Plans include the presence of the Moderator of the General Assembly and two leaders provided by the Board of Christian Education for the second year of emphasis in Church Officer Training. These have been cleared with the Moderators and Stated Clerks of the two Presbyteries. The Lord willing, I shall be there also.

Preaching Mission for 1958: At the spring Presbytery meetings in 1957, there was considerable sentiment that our own people in Alaska should have an evangelistic emphasis through an exchange of pulpits. This could be very valuable. The two plans, a local exchange or visiting Missioners, should be discussed thoroughly in every session, and the minister and elder come to the April meeting prepared to vote for one plan or the other. The decision of each Presbytery as to method should be accepted and followed by every Church.

1958 Travelling Seminar: Your Secretary will conduct another Travelling Seminar of approximately 30 to 32 people in June and early July, leaving Seattle June 19th. We hope to include southeast, Interior, Barrow and St. Lawrence Island (July 4th). In preparation for this, we would like to have, by the end of April, a one-half to one page, single spaced, statement about each of the following places: Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka (Church, KSEW, and SJJC), Mt. Edgecumbe, Hoonah, Haines (Church, Camp Grounds, and House) Klukwan, Skagway, Juneau (3 churches, boat, Isabel Miller, Mayreld Swanson), Anchorage (4 churches), Palmer (Church and Hospital), Wasilla, Railbelt, Fairbanks (Church and Hospitality House), College, Big Delta, Highway Parish, Barrow (including Parish and plane), Wainwright, Gambell, and Savoonga. Places where there are two or more projects should get togetherfor a community statement and a separate statement for each project. These statements should tell something of the history, population, people, and economic activity of the community, the number, size, and names of the churches, and a brief history of our own church including present membership, program, building, and accomplishments. All of this will be mimeographed and placedin the hands of our people before they gather in Seattle. Don't wait until April - prepare it in February and let us have it!

Summer Workers: All requests for summer workers and furlough supplies should be in the office by the 10th of February with a description of what is to be done and how many are needed. We know about Ketchikan Seminary Student, V.B.S. teams in southeastern Alaska, teams for Barrow and Gambell, and Work Camps for Harding Lake and Hospitality House. Any more?

World Day of Prayer is February 21st. Remember that Alaska receives support for the work of Murlin Day and Alice Green from these offerings. Lenten Season begins February 19th. This gives us a natural time for a fresh interpretation and renewed emphasis upon the gift of God in Christ and the meaning of His Sacrifice for our lives. Let us lead up to Easter with a new vision of the resurrection of Christ and through Him of the possibility of the resurrection of the image of God in each one of our people.

Sincerely yours,

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Alaska News Letter

April 1958 J 43

Dear Coworker:

In behalf of the Moderator, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Martin, Dr. Doran and Mrs. DeVries, we want to say "thank you" to all of you for your fine fellowship and hospitality during the meetings of the Presbyteries. Everyone enjoyed this experience and all of us expressed our enthusiasm for all of you in Alaska.

Alaska Presbytery: The Roland Rossons are withdrawing from Metlakatla as of May 1st to enter Princeton Seminary. The people of the church were sorry to see them go. During April, Roy Brown withdrew from service on the Princeton-Hall. Austin Van Pelt has been asked to give full-time to the Department of Bible and Christian Education of S.J.J.C., so that he will leave the staff of the Sitka Church as of June 1st.

Yukon Presbytery: The Bert Bingles have been in the States on furlough. Bert will work with the Harding Lake Camp Association during June, July and August. The John Stokes of College will be on furlough in Cleveland, Ohio and California during May June, July and August. The Rev. Donald Campbell of Wanham, Canada will supply their field during furlough.

Additional personnel will be needed for two fields in Alaska and two in Yukon Presbytery.

Property Matters: During the Moderator's trip dedication services were held for the addition to the Hillcrest Church in Anchorage, and the new log chapel at Auke Lake. Plans are in process for an addition to the manse for the Railbelt Chaplain and the renovation of the Hospitality House in Fairbanks. Dont forget that prompt accountings with original receipted bills for all expenditures are due after advances have been made.

New Work: Services, Sunday School and church, have been started in the North Pole-Badger Road area east of Fairbanks and in the Nunaska Valley near Anchorage.

New Ship: On March 16th in Jacksonville, Florida, the new motorvessel for southeastern Alaska was christened the Anna Jackman by action of the Board. Mrs. John Hastie Brown, Vice President of the Board, christened the ship and Dr. Herman Turner of Atlanta, Georgia, a member of the Board, gave the dedicatory address. The ship is due in Alaska late in May.

The Church Officers Training Institute, under the leadership of Dr. Herbert Doran was considered very successful by all who attended. The Elders present felt that their sessions were most valuable. Rev. Fred Maier of the Board of Christian Education thinks it is possible for Christian Education to supply a leader for the third phase in 1959. All agreed that more time is needed for these discussions.

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Evangelistic Mission for 1958: Yukon Presbytery has voted to invite Missioners from the States again with some changes in program for October 19 to 26, and have an exchange of pulpits among themselves during the following winter. Alaska Presbytery voted to have those churches who desire it to participate in October and have their own exchange later. The office needs to know at once, who desires it, and any suggestion you may have for the visitor to be invited. Yukon Presbytery would like to have a layman come with each minister.

Summer Visitors: From June 19 to July 5, the regular seminar sponsored by the Board, and conducted by Dr. & Mrs. Jackman, will be travelling through Alaska. On July 21st, the Chilcotin with Fred Koschmann on board, and August 6th with Roland Armstrong, will be enroute with Presbyterian groups from Ketchikan to Skagway. There will be other individuals, couples and small groups. The leaflet, Welcome to Alaska, was supposed to have been rewritten for this summer, but is not ready yet. Let us pause (if we can) and greet our Presbyterian visitors.

Correspondence with People Stateside: All of your work is important and everyone who has a vision and a conviction of the importance of his task for Christ will work hard and never get everything done. In the midst of this comes an occasional word from a generous soul that a box of clothing or a tape recorder or something was sent to the field and has not been acknowledged. Did the missionary get it? The supporting church wants to hear more frequently from its missionary. Let us acknowledge gifts promptly, and write to supporting churches quarterly telling them what is happening in our communities and congregations.

Summer Program: Many people are writing where to go, whom to see, and how to get a ride with a missionary in Alaska this summer. We have tried to be helpful to them, but also protective of our workers in Alaska by warning that summer is a busy time to stop and visit or take them places. For many of us, summer is the busiest time of the year and every effort should be made to accomplish as much as possible in the Lord's work which means as many contacts as possible with people for Christ. Let us not forget Whom we serve and that we are where we are to make Him known to people.

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Books

The Small Sects in America - Elmer T. Clark
Revised Edition — Abingdon Press $3.00

Handbook of Denominations - Frank S. Mead
Revised Edition — Abingdon Press $2.95

Pamphlets

(sell for 30¢ or 35¢)

Christian Science - Walter R. Martin
(32 pages) — Zondervan Publishing House
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Isms - W.T.McLean
(29 pages) — Zondervan Publishing House

Mormonism - William E. Biederwolf
(68 pages) — Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Seventh Day Adventism - Wm. E. Biederwolf
(48 pages) — Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company

Russellism Unveiled - Wm. E. Biederwolf
(Jehovah's Witnesses-
32 pages) — Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company

Does God Heal Today - William W. Orr
(32 pages) — Scripture Press
434 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago 5, Ill.

The Spirit of Truth and
The Spirit of Error - Keith L. Books
(6 pages - 5¢ each) — American Prophetic League, Inc.
Eagle Rock Station
Los Angeles 41, California

(List supplied by the Rev. Ralph W. Chamberlain)

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10/8/58 Sent all workers under Alaska Dept. plus Dr. Armstrong, Mr. Wylie at Hains House Mr. Wells, Miss Green, Miss Fisher, in Alaska.- Miss Gillespie, Miss Gladfelter, for info. EW.

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Alaska Presbytery: Over the summer the Cleworth, Klaver and Moser families have had "long vacations" in the States and have returned to service. A small soW has arrived in each of the Moyer and Van Nest families. After her regular furlough and a leave of absence for further study Mrs. Mayreld Swanson has resumed her work in christian education in the churches. Charles Heier has resigned from service in Kake and has signed a contract with BIA to teach school in Unga during the coming year. On September lst, Mrs. Reba McClure of Sheridan, Wyoming came to the staff of the Sitka church for half-time at the church and half-time at Mt. Edgecumbe School and Hospital. We have vacancies at Kake and Yakutat and need a skipper for the Princeton-Hall.

Yukon Presbytery: After 7 years of faithful service in Barrow, Bill Wartes has withdrawn from the work and the family is located in Seattle pending settlement in a church. After nearly four years in Savoonga, Louise Avery has transferred over to Vardy Community in Sneedville, Tennessee. Victor Urban has resigned from the work in Wasilla area and has accepted a position with the Juvenile Court in Fairbanks. The John Stokes family have had their furlough in Ohio and California and have returned to College. The Neil Munro family is now on furlough in California and will return to Big Delta. Bert and Mabel Bingle are covering the field during their absence. John and Mary Bartholomew served as students in Fairbanks during the summer of 1957 and have now returned to undertake the mobile ministry from the Canadian border to Big Delta. John was ordained by Yukon Presbytery in September. George Johnson from San Francisco Thelolgical Seminary is serving as an intern in Barrow. John and Barbara Chambers of Scotia, New York have accepted appointment at Barrow and began their service in July. John flies the plane. Claude and Joan Klaver have been approved for appointment to Wasilla and surrounding area and are to be on the field this month. Savoonga is vacant and we need a worker there.

Property Matters: At the September meeting of Alaska Presbytery the new church building, unfinished as yet, at Klawock was dedicated. During the summer the Eskimos at Anaktuvik with help from Bill Wartes and Sam Simmonds built a new log chapel. They hauled logs by dog sled forty miles to get the materials. They received some help in cash from a friend in Barrow and the Board. The Board has purchased the Huber property to the West of the College manse for future expansion. The Hospitality House in Fairbanks has been improved and enlarged.

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Evangelistic Mission: The fourth Evangelistic Mission will be held October 19th through 26th. The communities having Missioners are: Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Hydaburg, Craig-Klawock, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka, Juneau Memorial, Auke Lake,

Haines, Skagway, Anchorage Hillcrest, Anchorage First, Faith and Woodland Park together, Fairbanks and College and Barrow. Following the Mission, the visitors will visit the rest of the circle route. Even though every community does not have a visitor, let us all put forth prayers and special emphasis that week for a strong movement of the spirit of God in our work.

1959 Seminar: Last summer the Promotion Office turned down 21 people who wanted to join the travelling Seminar so that office has asked that we have another one in 1959. Because of other Seminars, it looks as if our dates would have to be June 25 to July 11. This is a week later than usual. Let me have your reactions to the dates.

Annual Reports: The theme of the Annual Report for 1958 will be, "TOWARD A PROPHETIC CHURCH FOR OUR DAY". Becuase of publicity schedules, the office of Press and Publicity has pushed up the deadlines for the reports from the departments. We need the annual narrative about your community and your work during 1959 by November 1st. We need your annual statistical report by December first. Estimate your volume for December and let us have the report for the year by December 1st.

Field Receipts: Checks for all field receipts should be made out to the Board and mailed with your monthly reports specifically to our office at 711. A few have been sending them separately to the Treasury which has caused some confusion and we may not get the notice to give proper credit.

Local Support for 1959: We are all now thinking of church budgets for 1959. Every congregation should give according to the ability of the people for local expenses and salaries. Many of the churches should be able to increase their portion of the salary for 1959. Every church should strive for a reasonable advance, but we are ready to give fair consideration to the needs and circumstances of each church. We need to know by December 1st what each church can do in 1959. Applications for aid will come from the Assistant Secretary and should be returned, 2 copies completed, to him immediately after the annual meeting early in January.

All Year End Forms: are in process of distribution, - application for aid, building repairs, new officers, etc. Please follow the suggested schedule for each one.

Receipts for Expenditures: Everyone who has a monthly allowance for car expense should keep the receipted bills for gas and oil. Under the system of an average allowance for expense, the allowance and expenditures will have to be included in your income tax report. The amount of monthly expenses for gas should be recorded on your monthly report and the receipts retained in case you are asked for them by the Revenue Office.

Orders through our office: Anything that you order through our office should be paid to our office. Your statement shows where we bought it, but we pay the supplier.

The Plan Book: is sent free to every minister listed as the pastor of a church. It is not sent to others. We try to have it sent to all of our people who have a use for it. If you have not received a copy for 1959 let us know.

Monday Morning: Again we have tried to get every permanent worker in our department on the list for Monday Morning, by air. If you are not receiving it, let us know.

Year Book of Prayer: December is the month for Alaska. By that time of the year there have been several changes and some omissions, but Presbyterian people all over the world will be remembering each one in prayer. This is a great fellowship and strengthening power for our work. Let us always be conscious of each other every week.

Mission Study: Alaska is a part of the mission study theme - " Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors", and people everywhere are taking a closer look at our work in Alaska. Some new materials have been printed and a new map prepared.

Fall Program: We have just celebrated World Wide Communion. Soon there will be Thanksgiving to God for His blessings and then Christmas. As we look forward to the celebration of the coming of Christ, let us strive earnestly to give new meaning to His presence in our own lives and the lives of our people and let us strive just as earnestly to bring more people to Him, so they too may have new meaning in their lives. Ours is a great privilege to witness to and for Him, and ours is a great responsibility to share Him with others. May He give us rich blessings as we minister.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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HOLDING FORTH THE WORD

November 1958

SITKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEDICATED

First Presbyterian Church, Sitka, Alaska

The new sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka was dedicated on Sunday, October 26th. Participating in the service were Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Rev. Bruce Evans of Springfield, N.J., Mr. Herb Wells, Mr. William Bullock, Mr. Chester Latta, Rev. Fred Koschmann, Rev. Brian Cleworth and the pastor Rev. William Gavin.

The Sitka congregation can be proud of this very lovely sanctuary with its spacious chancel and nave. A large stained glass window in the chancel depicts three youths, Eskimo, Indian, and White, looking upward to the figure of Christ the Good Shepherd. The design and quality of the chancel furniture and pews are among the finest anywhere. We can all be proud of this newest of our Alaskan Presbyterian Churches and the dedication and sacrificial labor to which it bears witness.

ALASKAN CHURCHES MAKE GOOD RECORD IN SUPPORTING THE GENERAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH

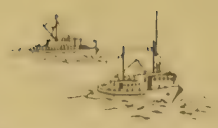
Yukon Presbytery was one of four presbyteries in the entire Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. that shared top honors with 100% participation of its churches in the One Great Hour of Sharing in 1957. Yukon Presbytery ranked fourth nationally in the number of churches receiving the Servicemen's Offering with 79% of Yukon's churches contribution to this special offering.

Alaska Presbytery had 58% participation of its churches in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and 32% of its churches taking up the Servicemen's Offering.

Our Presbytery Stewardship and Promotion Committees are doing good jobs in keeping our churches informed of the current needs in the General Mission of the Church (no longer called "Benevolences") and in the special offerings.

All churches should note that the Offering for Servicemen's Families has been discontinued as this ministry has been incorporated into the General Mission budget and in its place we are to have the White Gift At Christmas Offering for the needy peoples of the world, with special emphasis on Holy Land refugees. This offering has been a regular part of the giving of the former United Presbyterian Church. Free leaflets, posters, offering envelopes may be secured from Presbyterian Distribution Service. For information on this offering write to the Department of Stewardship and Promotion, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

SOUTHEASTERN BOAT MINISTRY



During this summer and fall we have been operating both of our mission motorships. The Board of National Missions has not made a decision yet as to whether we will keep the Princeton-Hall or not. The Anna Jackman has moved her home port to Petersburg. Dick Nelson is the skipper and Rev. Bill Zeiger is the evangelist-mate on board. The Zeiger's have secured housing in Petersburg and the Nelson's are living on board the boat.

The Princeton-Hall has been in port for three months but will be under way early in November. Mr. Willis George, an elder of the Angoon Church, is to be the skipper. Rev. Dick Stussi will be the evangelist-mate on board and will continue to live in Juneau where the boat is presently based.

Using both boats we will be able to carry on a more intensive program of itinerant evangelism than we have been able to do before. Generally the Anna Jackman will be working in the lower straits and the Princeton-Hall in the upper straits.

RICHARD TURNER ATTENDS EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

Alaska Presbytery's Chairman of Evangelism, Richard Turner of Skagway, attended the Western Area Briefing Conference in Berkeley, California, Oct. 29-30. The discussions and planning centered around the theme, "Our Mission In America".

Under a new arrangement with the Division of Evangelism the chairmen of the Evangelism Committees in both of our Alaska presbyteries will attend the Area meetings of Evangelism chairmen on an alternating basis. This is the first year that either of our chairmen were invited to attend.

BARROW CHURCH SUPPORTS ALASKA WORK

Last year Yukon Presbytery established the "Advance Fund" for specific projects in Church Extension throughout the presbytery. A site for a projected new church has been purchased in the Westgate Subdivision of Fairbanks for $5500. Other sites are being projected.

The Advance Fund is being supported by a $1.00 assesment on each member of the church in Yukon Presbytery.

This assesment meant an item of $547 for the eskimo church at Barrow. When this matter came before the session of the Barrow Church it was discussed at length. "To what extent does an eskimo, aid-receiving field have an obligation to help church extension projects in areas like Anchorage and Fairbanks?" When the matter came to a vote, the session wholeheartedly voted to send $547 from the church offerings for the Advance Fund. The pastor wrote: "They were happy to have a share in helping other churches get started in growing areas of Alaska."

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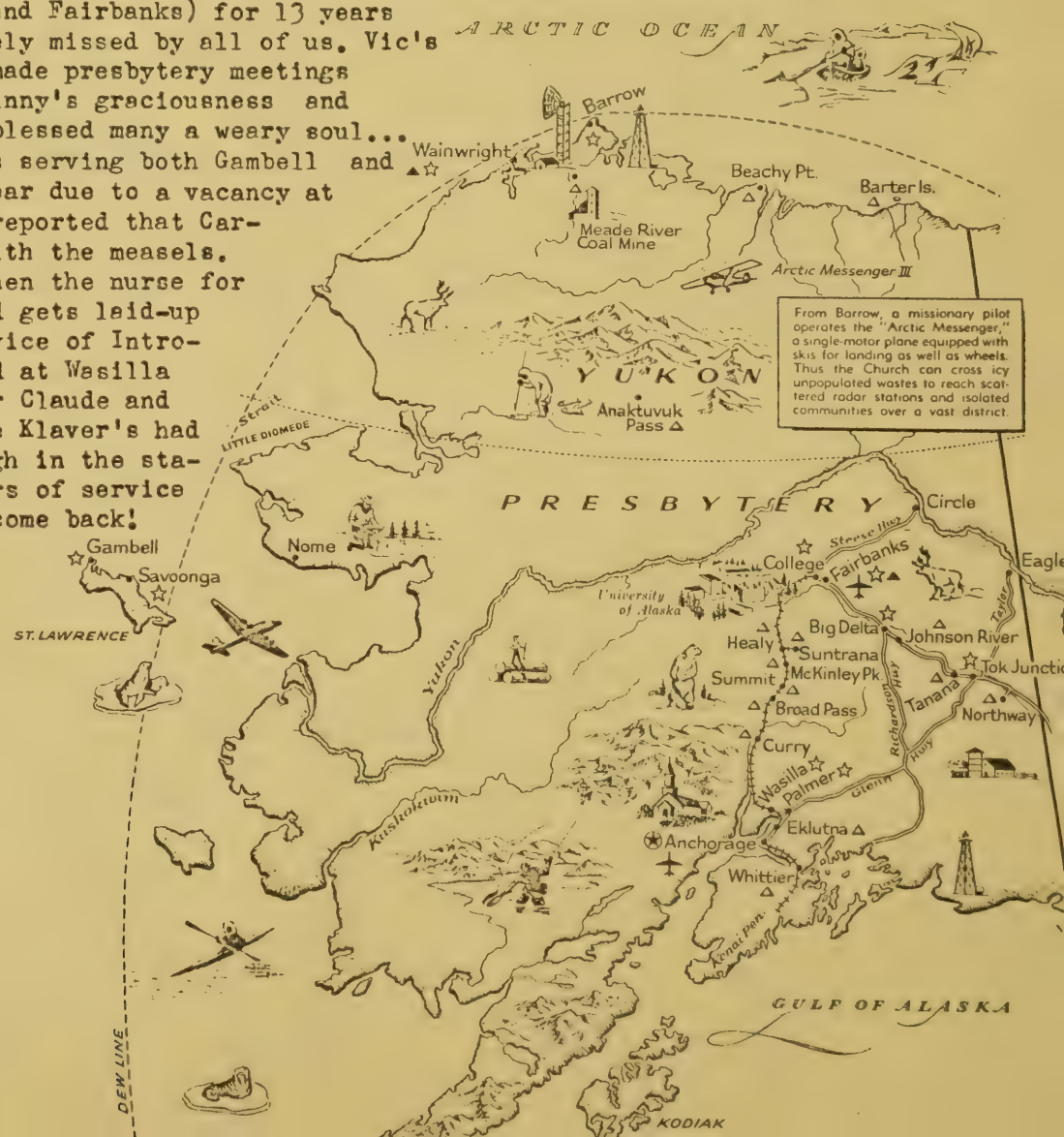
NEWS OF THE FIELDS

ALASKA PRESBYTERY

Mrs. Mayreld Swanson is serving as Lend-lease Christian Education counsellor at the Ketchikan Church during September and October. Following this she will be at Skagway during November and December. This new counselling service is being enthusiastically received at Ketchikan....Mrs. Katherine Legare, housemother at Haines House is still hospitalized in Juneau from injuries she received in an airplane crash late in July while returning from furlough in the states to Haines. A card or letter from you would bring added cheer some long day. Write: Mrs. Katherine Legare, St. Anns Hospital, Juneau.....Mrs. Keith LeMay, wife of KSEW's engineer Keith LeMay, is recovering from surgery performed at Mayo Hospital in Rochester in August. She is making satisfactory progress and is in Sitka....Isabel Miller has returned to her work of Christian Social Service after furlough. Miss Miller attended the Women's meeting at Purdue and visited in England, France and the Holy Land....KSEW's newest staff member is Mr. Birton Hilson, a graduate of Houghton College, class of '58. Welcome, Birt to our Alaskan family! ....Mrs. Katie Betts is very ill at home in Angoon. Our prayers and Christian love are for Katie and George in these days of sickness....Phyllis and Bob Van Nest of Craig (little Chicago!) announced the arrival of Jeffrey Robert on August 10th weighing 9 lbs. 7 oz....Elmer Parker has regained his strength after a severe bout with the flu last winter that left him quite ill during the summer at Klukwan. He is staying at the Hartmann's in Haines but going up to Klukwan to hold services each week....Paul Moyer made an emergency trip to Walnut, Penn. in July to be with his mother who was critically ill. However, Paul's mother had died before he could get there. His father had been injured early in July in a farm accident. The Moyer's announced the arrival of their first child, Stephen Bradley, on June 11th. Stephen was born in the Ketchikan hospital....The Kake Church is vacant this winter. Until a pastor is found for the church the motorvessels are coming in once a month and the gospel team from Sheldon Jackson is going in one or two weekends a month to hold services....Mr. Henry Fawcett, a candidate for the ministry under care of Alaska Presbytery, is serving the Metlakatla Church as a lay worker. Henry was raised in Metlakatla....KSEW has enlarged its station building during the summer with the help of summer workers and work campers. In the new building are two studios, reception room, and offices for the general manager, program director and commercial manager. New turntables and a new console in the control room give much better quality and ease in program production....Two "Pan-Abode" houses are being built adjoining KSEW for staff housing....Our church at Yakutat is vacant since the departure of the Klavers during the summer. Rev. Richard Stussi of the Princeton-Hall spent two weeks at Yakutat early in October. Rev. and Mrs. Bert Bingle will be going to Yakutat in January as intrim workers until a regular pastor arrives on the field.

YUKON PRESBYTERY

Work progressed this summer on renovations to the Hospitality House in Fairbanks. The renovations are still incomplete but progress is being made. Four additional rooms have been finished on the second floor, thus increasing the capacity to about 20 girls....John and Mary Bartholomew are now on the field at Tok and the Alaska Highway. John graduated from "the" seminary in June and was ordained by Yukon Presbytery at Tok....Miss Marjorie Mellen, Christian Education Director at Anchorage First Church is now Mrs. Arthur Ives and has moved to Florida (burr!!) Marj made a fine contribution to the youth program of Yukon Presbytery as well as her service to First Church....There are new faces at Barrow these days. Rev. and Mrs. John (Barbara) Chambers and baby daughter arrived on the field in July. John is the missionary-pastor-pilot for the Arctic region. The Chambers came from serving a church at Scotia, New York. Working with John is layworker Samuel Simmonds and George Johnson, an interne from San Francisco Seminary for one year....Rev. and Mrs. Victor Alfsen have accepted a call to the Seoul Union Church, Seoul, Korea. This is an interdenominational church for Protestant, English-speaking people in Seoul. There is no church building, although the congregation has been holding services for several years. The Alfsen's left October 30th, going directly to Korea from Alaska. We pray God's blessing on these folks who have served in Alaska (Palmer and Fairbanks) for 13 years and will be sorely missed by all of us. Vic's sense of humor made presbytery meetings "sparkle" and Ginny's graciousness and helpful spirit blessed many a weary soul... Arthur French is serving both Gambell and Savoonga this year due to a vacancy at Savoonga. Art reported that Carolyn was down with the measels. Kind of rough when the nurse for the whole island gets laid-up herself...A Service of Introduction was held at Wasilla October 16th for Claude and Joan Klaver. The Klaver's had a summer furlough in the states after 4 years of service at Yakutat. Welcome back!



CONDIT HOUSE TO BE DEDICATED

The new Junior College dormatory, Condit House, will be dedicated on the campus of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Sunday, November 16th. Dr. Archibald Stewart, Associate General Secretary of the Board of National Missions will participate in the ceremony along with Miss Helen E. Irvine, Associate Secretary, Department of Missionary Personnel.

This new dormatory is designed to house 55 students in its two wings. Between the wings is a spacious student lounge and connecting supervisor's apartment. With the completion of this building a long felt need for the Junior College has become a reality.

NUMBER OF CHURCHES USING YOUTH BUDGET INCREASING

Churches using the Youth Budget Program of our denomination are finding that early training of youth in stewardship pays great dividends in bringing you to an understanding of their responsibility to Christ and to His Church as stewards. The Youth Budget is a training program in stewardship for youth. Churches that do not use this plan....how are you training your youth to be stewards?

Six churches in Alaska Presbytery found that their Youth Budget giving has increased from $155 in 1956 to $405 in 1957. The two churches in Yukon Presbytery increased their youth giving from $87 in 1956 to $250 in 1957.

A new filmstrip, Youth and the Church Budget, is available from the film library as well as leaflets and information on starting the Youth Budget Program in your church.

FOUR ALASKAN'S ATTEND CAMP AND CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

Alaska was well represented at the Camp and Conference Institute held at Camp Arrah Wanna, near Portland, Oregon, October 27 - 31. Rev. Henry Hartmann and Rev. Ronald Snelling of Alaska Presbytery and Rev. Bert Rutan and Rev. Neil Munro of Yukon Presbytery attended the conference. Camp program, building plans, camp planning, administration of camps and conferences were phases of an intensive week-long institute.

FOURTH EVANGELISTIC MISSION TO ALASKA HELD

Nineteen churches throughout Alaska participated in the Fourth Evangelistic Mission, October 19-26. Fifteen guest ministers were released by their churches in the states to participate in this mission.

BENEVOLENCE STANDINGS OF ALASKAN CHURCHES FOR 1957

ALASKA STANDING	CHURCH	%AGE RATIO OF G.A. GIVING TO CURRENT EXPENSE	PER CAPITA GIVING TO ALL CAUSES**	NATIONAL STANDINGS
1	*Sitka First	25.93%	$15.22	26th of 379 churches of 300-349 memb.
2	Klukwan	25.30%	3.95	6th of 302 " " 60-69 "
3	Haines	24.79%	14.22	16th of 312 " " 125-139 "
4	Gambell	21.45%	1.48	25th of 328 " " 160-179 "
5	Savoonga	19.44%	.88	35th of 289 " " 180-199 "
6	Craig	17.04%	7.15	25th of 302 " " 60-69 "
7	College	14.43%	12.86	40th of 247 " " 100-109 "
8	Skagway	13.85%	16.27	38th of 280 " " 70-79 "
9	Wrangell	13.23%	7.11	76th of 312 " " 125-139 "
10	*Fairbanks,First	12.92%	16.52	178th of 379 " " 300-349 "
11	Barrow	12.63%	2.50	209th of 305 " " 525-624 "
12	Yakutat	11.86%	5.46	78th of 328 " " 40-49 "
13	*Juneau,Nor. Light	10.95%	9.36	223rd of 379 " " 300-349 "
14	*Anchorage, Faith	10.83%	14.35	105th of 329 " " 110-124 "
15	Auke Bay	10.17%	7.87	76th of 241 " " 80-89 "
16	*Anchorage,First	9.35%	12.92	243rd of 305 " " 525-624 "
17	Palmer	8.50%	10.75	167th of 289 " " 180-199 "
18	Ketchikan	8.49%	4.65	159th of 312 " " 125-139 "
19	Wasilla	8.39%	8.56	103rd of 340 " " 30-39 "
20	Petersburg	6.26%	8.40	166th of 328 " " 40-49 "
21	Metlakatla	5.46%	4.22	224th of 312 " " 125-139 "
22	HealyFork,Railbelt	4.20%	6.26	132nd of 267 " " 20-29 "
23	Juneau, Memorial	3.97%	2.54	282nd of 328 " " 160-179 "
24	Kake	3.86%	1.18	190th of 247 " " 100-109 "
25	Spenard,Woodl.Park	3.12%	6.78	269th of 289 " " 180-199 "
26	Hydaburg	2.45%	.55	283rd of 312 " " 125-139 "
27	Anch. Hillcrest	.86%	6.83	261st of 328 " " 40-49 "
28	Hoonah	.23%	.25	231st of 247 " " 100-109 "
29	Wainwright	--	5.75	320th of 329 " " 110-124 "
30	Angoon	--	2.04	326th of 328 " " 40-49 "
31	Klawock	--	--	228th of 229 " " 90-99 "

*Self supporting church

** National average $11.63
Alaska average 7.00

7/24/59 Sent all workers under Alaska Dept. plus Dr. Armstrong, R. Olin, W. Clark, W. Austin Van Pelt, Seminary students in Alaska, Isabel Miller, (Miss Gillespie, Miss Gladfelter for info) ew

Alaska News Letter

July 1959 J.45

Dear Coworker:

All of the members of the 1959 Seminar have requested that we express their thanks to all of you who worked to hard to entertain them and make the arrangements for them to get to visit and learn about so many places. We visited 28 of our Churches and projects with considerable information about each. Many people said they had never had a trip which compared to this one.

Alaska Presbytery: We report with sincere regret the resignation of Robert Van Nest from Craig and Klawock(but are glad the Van Nests are returning to Alaska), the withdrawal of Richard Turner for further work in school, and the departure of Herb Wells from station KSEW. All have given good service. We are also happy to welcome Robert and Betsy Simonds with their three children from New York State to Kake, Raymond and Eleanor Garvey with their two boys from Kansas City, Kansas to Metlakatla, Charles and Barbara Jenkins from San Francisco Seminary to Yakutat, and Austin Van Pelt of Sitka to the position of Manager of radio station KSEW. During the summer the Donald Schwabs of Wrangell are vacationing on the west coast and the Donald Howlands of Princeton Seminary are covering their field; the Ken Smiths of Auke Lake are visiting home folks and Dr. and Mrs. Lester Evans of Cambridge, Ohio are supplying their field; the Ron Snellings are vacationing at Yakima, Washington and Malcolm Peel from Louisville Seminary is covering their field. The Richard Stussi family is vacationing in California while George Betts and Mayreld Swanson are conducting the summer program on the S.J.S.II. In addition, we have Charles Seller from San Francisco Seminary helping Paul Moser at Ketchikan; David Ross from Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary serving at Pelican; Earl Fair and his wife from Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary at Hood Bay, and Lynn Illingworth from Western Seminary "pinch hitting" at Yakutat and Chatham. We expect two more ministers to arrive in the Presbytery shortly to fill the rest of the vacancies.

Yukon Presbytery: After serving a year at Barrow, George Johnson has moved to Craig for summer service and will return to San Francisco Seminary in the Fall. Fred Hauman of Dubuque is continuing the student service at Barrow. After an effective parish work among service families, Olive Fisher is withdrawing from this service at the end of July, with August as vacation. Robert Van Nest has been called by the First Church of Anchorage as associate minister. Brian Clevorth has been installed as the pastor of the First Church of Fairbanks. The vacancy still continues at Savoonga. The Paul Evans family is having their long vacation with family visits at Danville, Illinois and Scranton, Penna., while George Lower of Western Seminary covers their field. New additions are reported in the Bartholomew and Campbell families. The John Bartholomews have a son and the Lowell Campbells have a daughter.

Personnel and new work: Search is still being made for a worker at Savoonga. Personnel is under consideration for Craig-Klawock and Skagway in Alaska Presbytery, service families and 6 File in Fairbanks. Lowell Campbell has started a Sunday School and preaching service in a home in Nunaka Valley, Anchorage.

Summer personnel: In addition to the seminary student workers mentioned above, we have 14 Vacation Bible School workers in Alaska Presbytery, work teams at Haines House, KSEW and Anchorage, and individual workers at Juneau Memorial, the Alaska Railroad, Fairbanks and Barrow.

Property: All of us are reminded that no advances for repairs should be requested beyond what can be accomplished in the immediate future and prompt accounting, (with receipted bills) is required. A trailer House has been ordered for the Heckels in Healy to be connected with the bungalow there, which we now own. Money is now abailable for sites in the Eunaka Valley and Sand Lake Road areas near Anchorage, and 6 Mile and Westgate near Fairbanks; a chapel at 6 Mile, and addition to the Petersburg Church and a house for the boat crew in Petersburg. New locations are under consideration for Faith and Woodland Park Churches in Anchorage.

Evangelistic Mission: There will be no team from the "south 48" this Fall. Both Presbyteries have taken action upon recommendation of the Division of Evangelism and Department of Alaska to have a training program for ministers and elders at the October meetings of the Presbyteries. Dr. Alexander Campbell of the Washington Synod Staff will come to lead in methods and programs, and the Synod has recommended Dr. Roy Howes, Chairman of the Synod Committee on National Missions, for emphasis on the message of evangelism.

Synod relations: The Synod has approved in principle the proposal of representation from every church every year, attendance at one meeting a year of Synod Committees by Chairmen of these Committees from the two Presbyteries of Alaska, and a Cooperative Administrative Council which will give voice to the Synod and two Presbyteries in the administration of National Missions in Alaska. Some details need to be worked out, but the plans provide for closer relations and more representation.

Purchasing Agent: After several years of very helpful and effective service as purchasing agent for Alaska, Warne Clark, 13416 - 25 N.E., Seattle 55, Washington, has resigned to accept an appointment under the Federal Government for service in Korea. To continue this service of purchasing, we will have Mr. Robert B. Olin, 3005 E. 62nd Street, Seattle 5, Washington. Mr. Olin is a deacon and a leader in the Ravenna Boulevard Church, and is interested in this as a missionary service. He is a salesman for the Pitney Bowes Company and has wide contacts in Seattle to fill our needs. He will begin service as of August 1, 1959. He has had an opportunity to review methods and purchases with Warne Clark before Warne left us for training in Washington for his new job. Thanks Warne, and welcome Bob!

Annual Narratives: The annual narratives are due in our office by October 1st. Our report must be prepared for Press and Publicity by October 15th, and we will need the narratives from all fields by October 1st. The theme for 1960-61 will be, Heritage and Horizons. We need to think of what we have done with what we have, and what is on the horizon yet to do. The narratives should include progress, development, changes, accomplishments up to now, and the things that lie ahead for our people, our communities and our church programs. These reports should be prepared in September.

The Depth of Our Ministry: A review of monthly reports and visits to the field reveals that the depth and strength of our ministry can be measured by the spiritual vitality of what we are, and what we are attempting on the field, and frequency and winsomeness in reaching people. People will be drawn to Christ and the church

largely through our personal contact and the provision of Christian teaching and activity planned and led for and with them. Every worker and every field need to face these facts for greater spiritual strength and results.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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Alaska News Letter

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Dear Coworker:

Time slips along without our realizing how long it has been since we sent a quarterly news letter to our workers in Alaska. Those of us in the office have appreciated the cards and greetings received at Christmas and the beginning of the new year. All of these provide an opportunity to express the personal ties in the work which go beyond the necessary correspondence and paper work. Speaking of the office, we have had replacements for two of the girls. Miss Koerner continues as office secretary and "very important person". Mrs. Lindgren, after ten years of service with us, has moved to Florida with her husband. Miss Carol Boggs and Miss Bettye Hayes are helping with the various tasks in the office.

Alaska Presbytery: For the sake of the record, we include the information that the Roland Rosson family from Metlakatla and Princeton Seminary are serving at Skagway, and the F. Louis Grafton family from Erie, Pa. are serving at Craig and Klawock. Mrs. Reba McClure in Sitka Church fell and broke her pelvic bone. After some weeks in the hospital, she is now back on the job full time. The Kenneth Smith's in Auke Bay are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter to keep her three brothers company. The Princeton-Hall is back in itinerant service and Lee and Clara Jimmy are serving on board with Dick Stussi, pending a final decision by the Board on future service.

Yukon Presbytery: Fred Hauman served as intern at Barrow, returned to Dubuque to finish his Seminary work, and back to Barrow early in February. B. J. Bingle is serving along the Highway east of Fairbanks. The Joe Heckel family have moved to Healy where they can be together on their field. The Presbytery has approved the merger of Faith and Woodland Park churches in Anchorage. The new chapel at Anaktuvik Village has been properly dedicated by the officers of the Presbytery.

Property: Plans are in the making and it is hoped that some additional building will take place next summer. These include the new church in Ketchikan, addition to the chapels at Petersburg and Auke Lake, a new manse at Barrow, and possibly a chapel at Willow.

Synod Relations: The first big step in closer Synod relations will come when the Chairmen of the Committees of National Missions, Ministerial Relations, Evangelism, and Stewardship and Promotion of both Presbyteries will journey to Seattle for the meetings of their respective Synod Committees during February 22 to 26. During the same time, the Synod Council will meet and the first meeting of the new Alaska Administrative Council will be held. This Council is composed of the Chairmen of National Missions and Ministerial Relations of the two Presbyteries and the Synod, the Synod Executive, and the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Dept. of Work in Alaska. This Council will review the National Missions program and make up budget askings for 1961.

The Moderator of the General Assembly will be coming up for the spring meetings of the Presbyteries. We want him to go on to Barrow, because his church helped to build the new sanctuary there.

No Seminar in 1960: The Promotional Office has asked that we do not have a Seminar in 1960 but have another one in 1961.

New Headquarters: We have moved to the new offices - Room #1117, in 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y. It is the Interchurch Center between Riverside Drive and Claremont Avenues and 119th and 120th Streets. The Riverside Church is to the north of us, Union Seminary to the northeast, Barnard College to the east, and Columbia to the southeast. The building is 19 stories high. The Presbyterians occupy the 9th, 10th, and 11th and a part of the 12th floors. Life is different but we are becoming accustomed to it.

Expense Receipts: For those who have regular expense allowances, all receipts should be retained by you. List your expenses on the back of your report, but keep the receipts. You have an average expense allowance per month. You must account for this in your Federal Income Tax report, and if you are called you will need your receipts.

Work for Children: A recent study was made of the monthly reports from September through December. Except for Christmas, very few of the reports made any record or reference to activities sponsored for the children and young people. Is it possible that most of us are not doing anything with and for them, or aren't we putting it on the reports. Everyone-from the cradle to the grave- is important, but the young people particularly need a program of activity. A few are doing an excellent work. Let us not fail them!

Master Thoughts for Daily Use: We are sending you a sample copy of this booklet. One of our Sunday school missionaries has usedit with great effectiveness among his people. We recommend that you examine it carefully and try to use it. Copies are $1. each but can be secured through our office for 50¢ each. Dumont Clarke asks that we let him know how you have used it, and your reaction to it.

World Day of Prayer comes on March 4, then the Lenten Season, and Easter. We are looking toward the high point of the Christian year. It is the time to show the need for Christ to individuals and our world,and to point to Him again as the Saviour and risen Lord. There is no greater message and nogreater service to give to anyone than to bring a person or persons to find Him as Saviour and Lord. May the Lord lead and bless each one in his or her ministry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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ALASKA NEWS LETTER

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We at the office send you greetings with a word about personnel. Mrs. Karin (David) McPhail has been helping us during June, July and August. We shall be looking for a permanent replacement in September. Miss Bettye Hayes came with us permanently in February and is doing good work. Miss Freida Koerner continues as our most efficient office secretary but has had her difficulties. Late in July she had to undergo surgery and her recovery has extended into her vacation period. She is recovering and we expect her back early in September. On September 14th she will have been with the Board for 35 years. This deserves special recognition and we suggest that those who have known her over the years send her a note of appreciation.

Alaska Presbytery has had several changes. Ray Garvey has gone from Metlakatla to be Assistant at First Church, Walla Walla, Washington. Lee Jimmy has left the Princeton Hall to go fishing. Paul Moyer has moved from Hydaburg to Palmer. William Zeiger has left the MV Anna Jackman to perform a special ministry to the Eskimos and service families in Fairbanks. After eight years of effective service at Petersburg, Ron Snelling has gone to Yakima, Washington and expects to be permanently located soon. The Gavin (Sitka) and Hartmann (Haines) families are having their long vacations this summer and have all visited us at the office. These changes leave us with vacancies at Hydaburg, Metlakatla, Petersburg and the MV Anna Jackman. Edward Rosevear from Sheldon Jackson Junior College has moved his family to Rowley where he is student supply at the Rowley and Cono Center, Iowa churches. He has entered Dubuque Seminary to prepare for the ministry.

Yukon Presbytery The Lowell Campbells have moved from Faith Church, Anchorage to Milan, Illinois. Betty's father has died since they moved. The Bert Rutans have moved from Palmer to Aberdeen, Washington. Arthur Frenchs have moved from Gambell to Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island. Marion Horton has entered Dubuque Seminary and arrangements are in process for him to serve a church nearby. Paul Moyers have moved from Hydaburg up to Palmer as reported. William Zeiger has moved from Petersburg to Fairbanks for Eskimo and Service Family work. The Harold Banks family has moved from California to Anchorage to develop the work in Nunaka Valley and East Anchorage. On July 1st, Bert Bingle went on official leave of absence. The Bingles have moved to Kings Lake Camp, Wasilla where Bert will be responsible for the camp.

Wee Personnel We are happy to announce that there have been recent additions to the Paul Evans, Ray Garvey and Ron Snelling families. Also, that there are more to come -- not in the same families!

Property An addition for Christian Education and Fellowship has been completed this summer at Petersburg. Work has begun on a separate building for Christian Education and Fellowship at Auke Lake. Tom Horton from New Mexico is on the job and has started the construction of the new church in the new location in Ketchikan. The renovation of the Princeton-Hall has been delayed, pending the report of the Alaska Study Committee. Plans and specs for the Barrow manse were

delayed so long that a decision had to be delayed on this until next summer.

Summer Workers Alaska has had an unusually fine group of summer workers with 21 college and 7 seminary students and two teachers. Much extra work has been accomplished through their help.

Reports A few of our people need to be reminded that monthly reports made out the first week of each month are a necessary part of relations in the work. Salaries from National Missions are supposed to stop if reports are more than one month over-due. The best practice is to do it regularly. National Missions in Alaska is a headquarters project and should be so designated on the monthly reports. The annual narrative reports on happenings, trends, plans and special events for the church and community are due in the office on October 1st so we will have basic material for the annual report of the Board. The statistical summary reports are due December 1st with estimated figures for the month of December.

The Assistant Secretary A summary of the duties of the Assistant Secretary has been mimeographed and sent out. His large responsibilities in the Church Department are in the area of program and arrangements. We have asked him to go into a thorough study of program --methods, materials, activities and outreach with every field to the end that we shall reach more people more thoroughly for a commitment to Christ, more and better understanding of the meaning of the Christian faith and life and more spiritual growth. Each one should expect him to do this when he visits a field.

Relations We are entering a new era of relationships in which the local field, personnel, Presbytery, Synod and the Board are concerned. These are a part of the Study Committee and there will be a specific report later. In general in addition to normal ecclesiastical relations all matters of personnel, finances and administration in National Missions church projects are related to the Board through the Department of Work in Alaska (Secretary and Assistant Secretary) and to the Synod through the Department to the Administrative Council. All matters which are not specifically National Missions, such as Christian Education and Stewardship and Promotion are related to the Synod through the Assistant Secretary and General Presbyter. These channels will gradually clear as we go forward together. Meanwhile correspondence should be shared through copies to those concerned for information.

The Alaska Study Committee has been appointed by the Board of National Missions for a study of all Presbyterian Work in Alaska. It has on it four Board members, Board staff, three from the Synod and three from each Presbytery. It met in Spokane after the meeting of the Synod and a Survey Team visited Alaska. It will meet in St. Paul September 6 and 7 after the meeting of the National Staff and again in Seattle December 13, 14, 15 after the meeting of the National Council on the West Coast. Meanwhile a representation from the Committee will attend the meeting of the two Presbyteries in Anchorage November 7, 8 and 9. From these meetings we hope to have a full understanding of the needs of Alaska and have the united support of all concerned to do everything possible to strengthen and expand the work.

Another Evangelistic Missions Both Presbyteries have taken action to have another evangelistic mission on March 5 through 12, 1961 with visitors again from the South 48. A request has gone from the office to ask sessions to act on their participation and suggest names of ministers to be invited. Only three replies have been received. We need this information soonest. Invitations should be going out now to the ministers.

Goals and Standards In examining monthly reports it seems evident that more needs to be done in setting standards and goals of achievement for local fields (a few have excellent programs of activities). The simple fact is that, as hard as some of you are working, we are not all accomplishing as much in our work as we should. We are sending copies of the Town and Country achievement goals and are asking for more thorough consideration and action on the requirements for National Missions churches in the Aid to Fields application forms which will be considered this fall. Let us plan with our people to reach more people and accomplish more for Christ and the Church during the coming year.

World Wide Communion is on October 2nd. This is a good time to begin accomplishing more. An every family visitation by the congregation, a deepened concern for the unreached should give us a good start.

Your Secretary has been in National Missions work more than 25 five years. An extra month of vacation is one of the "compensations" for this service. This month is going to be used, with his wife, to conduct a tour of Christian people to Europe for the Passion Play, Geneva, Rome, Athens, Cairo, Beirut, Damascus, Amman, Jerusalem in Jordan, Jerusalem in Israel, Haifa, Nazareth, Tel-Aviv,Rome, Madrid, Lisbon. Three from Anchorage will be with us and eleven who have gone to Alaska with us. We will be in Geneva the last Sunday of September and in Cairo on World Wide Communion Sunday. We will pray for our work and workers in Alaska. We will return home October 27. During this absence the girls will carry on in the office. If you have any special things now let me have them by September 8th. The office will be under Miss Koerner's direction. Remember her. I will expect to be at the meetings of Presbyteries in November.

Sincerely,

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